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WOMAN GETS LOST.

Rather Peculiar Case Happens in Lumberton.

The following is taken from the Robesonian:

She tells a pitiful story: A woman of some 35 summers has been here since Saturday and says she is looking for a party that accompanied her to this town and lost her. She gives her name as Mrs. Moore and says her home is in Raleigh. According to her story, she was accompanied to Lumberton by her uncle and his wife and her son. They arrived here Saturday afternoon, traveling in an auto. Saturday night they went to the carnival at the fair grounds and she lost sight of them. She strolled about town yesterday and last night searching for her comrades, but has not been able to locate them. She is bare-headed and says her hat and suit case are in Dillon, S. C., from which place she says the party drove Saturday afternoon. She sought the aid of the officers today in trying to locate other members of her party. It is said that the people with whom she came to Lumberton were looking for the woman yesterday at the same time she was searching for them, but they failed to get together.

When asked if she wished to advise her husband of her whereabouts, she said she did not. The party were on their way to Georgia, according to the woman, and detoured by way of Lumberton on business. Have you seen her uncle and his wife and her son?

Agricultural Outlook Gloomy.

According to report of B. B. Hare, Agricultural Statistician for the Bureau of Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture there remained on farms in South Carolina of the last year's corn crop on March 1, approximately 22,500,000 bushels, the quantity on corresponding date of late year being 17,220,000 bushels. The amount remaining on farms in the entire United States on March 1 was 1,572,397,000 bushels, or 591,000,000 bushels more than on the corresponding date of 1920.

The average value of poor plow lands in the State on March 1, is reported at \$32 per acre, which is \$9 per acre less than on March 1, 1920. The average value of good plow lands was \$68 per acre as compared with \$82 last year, the average for all plow lands being \$50 per acre, as against \$61 last year.

The report shows the average cash rental paid for plow fields in the State last year was \$8 per acre, the average market value of such fields being \$45 per acre. It would appear, therefore, that the average value of rented lands is about 10 per cent less than the average value of all plow lands.

Speaking of the present agricultural outlook Mr. Hare states that one of his crop reporters has summed up the situation as follows:

The agricultural outlook is the gloomiest since the early '90's. Farm labor supply is about normal, but the farmer cannot use this profitably for the reason that it is cotton field labor, and the outlook for cotton is too dangerous on account of the low price of the staple, cost of fertilizers, boll weevil menace and inadequate finances. Credit resources were practically exhausted last year, and the 1920 crop barely paid one-half the expenses. Hence, there is a likelihood of a very little cash or credit supply from banks, and merchants having exhausted their financial resources will not be able to "cut any figure" in the financing problem.

McLAURIN WINS FOR MAYOR

G. G. McLaurin	198
Jno. H. Hamer	166

In the second race for mayor held Tuesday, Col. G. G. McLaurin received a majority of 32 votes over his opponent, Dr. Jno. H. Hamer. The election was hotly contested through out the day and the supporters of both candidates were in doubt as to the result until the final count was made.

Col. McLaurin is a native of Marlboro county, having been born and reared at McCall. He has been a practicing attorney in Dillon for the past 12 years, being the junior member of the well known law firm of Townsend, Rogers & McLaurin. Col. McLaurin enters upon his duties as mayor supported by a strong council of representative business men.

Dr. Hamer was elected mayor two years ago and has given the town a progressive administration. Among the public improvements for which his administration is credited are the concrete paving on Main street and the rock ballast roadway he constructed on Railroad avenue. His successor is a young man of progressive ideas and there is every reason to believe that he will maintain the standard set by his predecessor in office.

The protracted meeting at the Beulah Baptist church closed last Sunday. The meeting was well attended and was a great success. The Lord met us in every service, the church being spiritually revived. Seven additions to the membership.

There will be special services Easter Sunday with recitations and songs suitable for the occasion.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

By the Pastor, F. W. Walters.

COURT COMMON PLEAS.

The spring term Court of Common Pleas convened Monday with Judge I. W. Bowman of Orangeburg presiding. Mr. McWright of Cheraw is acting as stenographer for the regular court stenographer, James Kilgo.

The first case called was that of Edward Berry against the Dillon Mills. Berry brought an action against the mills for the loss of an eye. The evidence showed that Berry was trying to put out a fire in the mill and threw water on a running belt. The belt flew off and struck Berry in the head, causing the loss of an eye. Berry asked for \$25,000 and the jury gave him \$1500.

A case that attracted a great deal of attention, and one in which many fine legal points were involved, was that of the children of Jeremiah Rowell who were remaindermen under the will of William Rowell against Irvin Coward. The particular tract of land in question was devised to Jeremiah for life and the remainder to his children. In 1853 I. & W. Stackhouse obtained judgment against Jeremiah as administrator with will annexed, and the entire William Rowell lands were sold under auction and bid off by Stackhouse who transferred the bid to Jeremiah Rowell. Subsequently in 1867 Melissa Rowell, widow of William, and the other life tenants brought suit against Jeremiah to set aside the title. The decree of the court in the case could not be found but the lands evidently were ordered sold by the sheriff. The land was purchased at the sheriff's sale by Chas. T. Jackson in 1879. He held the lands until his death when the lands were partitioned as part of his estate and sold by the master of Marion county at which sale Irvin Coward purchased them. Jeremiah Rowell died in 1906 and his children brought this suit to recover as remaindermen under old William Rowell's will. At the close of the testimony counsel moved for the direction of a verdict on the grounds that the testimony showed that the legal title had passed out of the remaindermen and also that the defendant, Irvin Coward, was purchaser for valuable consideration without knowledge of the defects of the title. After argument the court directed a verdict in favor of the defendant, Irvin Coward.

The lands of the late Jas. H. Berry were part of the old William Rowell estate. Several years ago an action was brought to set aside Mr. Berry's title under almost similar circumstances. The verdict went against Mr. Berry in the circuit court and the case was taken to the supreme court where it is pending.

Mr. D. H. Hyatt also held title to part of the estate. An action was brought to set aside his title, and the case went against him in the lower court. He settled with the heirs and ended the suit.

EDWARDS-DAVIS

A very quiet, but beautiful and happy occasion was the marriage of Miss Christine Edwards of Dillon and Mr. Shepherd Alva Davis, of Andrews. The ceremony took place at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, the Rev. J. A. Langley of Little Rock officiating.

Miss Edwards is the daughter of Mr. B. Frank Edwards, of Dillon, S. C., and is a graduate of Winthrop College. She is one of the charming young teachers of the county and has a great host of friends in the town and county whose best wishes will follow her to her new home.

A Davis is a promising young man in business at Andrews, S. C. He also has a great many friends and acquaintances in this section. The couple left immediately after the ceremony over the Seaboard for Atlanta, and other points in Georgia and Florida where they will spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will make Andrews their home.

DR. JAMES HALFORD MARRIES IN JOHNSTON.

Dr. James Halford, the popular pharmacist at Moody's Drug Store, was married on Tuesday evening, the 16th instant, to Miss Annie Frances Crouch, of Johnston, S. C., the ceremony being performed at the parsonage by Rev. D. W. Keller, pastor of the Johnston Methodist church. The groom is a native of Barnwell county, but has made his home in Dillon for the past 12 months, where he has many warm friends. The bride is one of Johnston's most attractive and popular young ladies and she will receive a cordial welcome to Dillon by the groom's many friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Halford arrived in Dillon Monday night and are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. David.

Clean-up Day, April 1st.

Let everybody join in this campaign to make Dillon a cleaner and more attractive looking place.

Prof. Roberts will give the school children half holidays to help in the clean up campaign. Already the work has been going on around the school grounds and wonderful improvement is noted. The different grades are taking great interest in a competition to see which can do the best cleaning up each week. Follow their example and begin to clean up and keep it up.

There will be a "nigger" minstrel at Pleasant Hill Friday evening, April 1. If you wish to laugh for an hour and a half come.

Mrs. Roy E. Sargent of Springfield, Mass., who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Husey, spent last week in Columbia and Charleston.

DO YOU THINK PRESENT PRICES FOR COTTON FAIR PRICES?

To the Farmers of South Carolina:—

If you go ahead and plant another crop of cotton you need not complain if the prices do not go higher than at the present time. By planting another large crop you indicate your willingness to accept the prices prevailing at the time of planting. You cannot get a hearing on any claim that you might make that the present prices of cotton are below the cost of production.

As a matter of fact, however, if you plant anything like a normal crop this year, you are going to be forced to sell it together with what cotton you have on hand from last year's crop at much lower prices than are prevailing now. There is already enough unspun cotton in the world to supply the world for a year and a half. If the government acreage report in June indicates that over a half crop is going to be raised this year there will be another big tumble in the market. Some say that another large crop will result in the price going to four cents a pound. Others say it won't be able to sell it at any price.

South Carolina sent \$111,000,000 to the West last year for feedstuffs. Let's raise less cotton and more food and feedstuffs.

South Carolina Cotton Association.

DILLON BOYS TAKES

MANY PRIZES.

Capture Four Prizes Out Eight State Wide Clubs.

Dillon county boys made a most excellent showing in club work last year according to a bulletin issued by Clemson College. There were eight state-wide clubs in boys' work and Dillon county boys took four prizes out of the eight clubs.

Five phases of club work were conducted in South Carolina with a total enrollment of 1740 members. The work was conducted in 36 out of 49 counties. Prizes were offered in all five phases of the work amounting to \$1,966.00 in cash and articles, donations for prizes having been made by organizations and individuals in this and other states. The following are the winners of the state prizes offered.

Corn Club Prize Winners

1st. Hugh Campbell, York County 100.4 bushels at 34 cents per bushel.
2nd. Hazel Kennington, Lancaster County, 102 bushels at 46 cents per bushel.
3rd. Theo. W. Hayes, Dillon County, 91.2 bushels at 37 cents per bushel.

Virgil Davis, Darlington County, largest yield in state, 103.1 bushels at 55 cents per bushel.

Cotton Club Prize Winners.

1st. Douglas Brigan, Dillon county, 2800 lbs. Moore's Long Staple.
2nd. Mitchell Raon, Kershaw County, 1710 pounds Alabama Big Boll.
3rd. Durham Harrison, Kershaw County, 1272 pounds, Cleveland Big Boll.

Cotton Club Prize Winners.

1st. Bennie Hewitt, Bamberg, 1640 pounds, Webber 82.

Pig Club Prize Winners.

1st. Oscar William Lever, Richland County.
2nd. Calhoun Hayes, Dillon County.

3rd. Robert Stevenson, Fairfield County.

Member Whose Pig Made Greatest Gain.

Theodore Thompson, Lancaster County, average daily gain 1.76 lbs.

Calf Club Prize Winners.

1st. Converse Woosley, Aiken County.
2nd. Emanuel Wise, Dillon County.
3rd. William Eugene Smith, Lee County.

Peanut Club Prize Winners.

1st. R. Hallum Smith, Colleton County.
2nd. Curtis Baskin Lancaster County.
3rd. Boyd Blateny, Lancaster County.

Peanut Club Prize Winners.

1st. R. Hallum Smith, Colleton County.
2nd. Harry Steedly, Bamberg County.

Best Record in Two or More Phases of Club Work.

R. Hallum Smith, Colleton County, in Corn Club, and Peanut Club work.

Improvement Club Meeting.

The Improvement Club will have its quarterly social meeting Thursday evening, March 31st instead of Friday, April 1st. The male members and all patrons of the school are specially invited to attend this meeting.

An interesting program has been arranged by the committee and all are assured a pleasant evening. Some questions pertaining to the school will also be discussed.

Editor of Dillon Herald:—

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to express my hearty thanks and appreciation to the good people of Dillon for the very flattering vote given me in the race for Mayor of your town. Having only been affiliated with your people for a short time, I feel that I had no claim upon them, therefore it was with reluctance, I concluded to make the race and without solicitation or canvass on my part. Words cannot express my gratitude and appreciation for the handsome vote given me. Very respectfully,
J. B. McCutcheon.

House Party at Murrel's Inlet.

Mr. W. Murchison was host during the week end to a number of friends at the Blackwell cottage at Murrel's Inlet, in honor of Mr. F. V. Crane of New York. Mr. Crane is connected with the well known soda firm of W. R. Grace & Co., of New York, and is spending a few weeks in the south on business and pleasure combined. Those composing the party on this delightful week end event were: Dr. Wade Stackhouse, Jas. M. Sprunt, L. F. Britt, Max Fass, J. H. McLaurin and A. B. Jordan of Dillon; Robert Ricard and Wm. Crossland of Bennettsville, and Frank Blackwell of Marion. The party remained at the seashore from Friday till Monday and Host Murchison left nothing undone to make their stay pleasant and delightful.

Murrel's Inlet, one of the most beautiful places on the Atlantic coast, is four hours from Dillon by way of Marion, Gallivant's Ferry and Conway. The roads at this season are in fairly good condition, but when the government completes the highway it is building with county aid from the coast to Dillon and on to Bennettsville where it will connect with the Washington-Atlanta highway, the trip can be made from Dillon in less than three hours. There is a beautiful stretch of sand and clay road from Marion to Gallivant's Ferry, and after crossing the river the road to the Inlet by way of Aynor is above the average.

A great deal of money has been spent on the Gallivant's Ferry bridge and the mile of causeway leading up to the bridge. The wooden bridge have been torn away and nearly a mile of roadway has been built of sand. It is the intention of the engineers to surface the roadway through the swamp with clay. At present the sand is very deep and even a high-powered car negotiates it with difficulty. The government road from the beach will be about 80 feet wide—much wider than is necessary for the present limited amount of travel. The idea of the government, however, so it is claimed, is to build roads wide enough for the easy handling of heavy artillery and other fighting equipment in the event of a war.

There are many pretty and attractive cottages at the Inlet owned by Marion folk who keep them open all the entire year. There are shell walks in front of the cottages and shrubbery has been used freely and to great advantage in adding to the natural beauty of the point of land on which many of the cottages are built. It will be interesting to many of The Herald's readers to know that most of the land on the water front was purchased some years ago by a former Dillonite—W. Gilmore Smith—who divided it up into building lots. Mr. Smith shortly after leaving Dillon purchased the old Gov. Alston place containing 200 acres and a beautiful old colonial home. He spends most of his time at Conway where he fills the position of chief of police and his family resides at the Inlet.

The creeks and inlets which partly surround the cottages abound in fish, clams and oysters, while hundreds of wild duck were seen flying in droves and pairs.

Murrel's Inlet is a delightful place to spend a week end. One can fill up every minute of one's time, and at the same time be so completely shut off from the world and its affairs, that every day troubles are forgotten.

Marion District Alumni Gatherings. The Alumni of Wofford, Columbia and Lander Colleges have a number of banquets in store during this week and next—Clio, March 25th; Latta, March 26th; Marion and Mullins, April 1st; Dillon, April 2nd.

It is desired that all former students of the three colleges get in touch with the gathering nearest them and attend at least one. It is hoped that these occasions will prove of such pleasant nature that it will be made an annual event.

The Plant Exchange conducted by the Civic Department of the Improvement Club last week was quite a success for the first attempt. Committees collected the plants and the Exchange was held in Mr. W. A. Blizard's store Friday and Saturday.

Not only the ladies in town, but some from the country came to get plants so we expect every yard in and around Dillon to be blooming this summer.

COUNTY NEWS.

Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rogers and little daughter of Greensboro, N. C. spent a few days here last week with relatives.

Mrs. Ruby Fort Carmichael and Boyd Fort spent Thursday in Rowland with Mrs. T. W. Carmichael.

Mrs. Colon Edwards and baby spent last week with Mrs. Rufus Rogers of Marion.

Mr. Eugene Marley of Columbia spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. L. K. Bethea.

Miss Iva Robbins of Kemper was the week end guest of Miss Emma Carmichael.

Lake View.

Misses Florine Rogers, Caroline Nye and Eliza Graham visited Miss Inez Hayes this week.

E. B. Smith of Dunbarton, S. C., is visiting his mother this week.

Mr. L. W. Temple is in Wilmington this week on business.

Messrs. H. W. and Worth Powell are repairing the Temple cottages at Wrightsville Beach this week.

L. G. Miller made a brief trip to Nichols Thursday afternoon.

Sheriff Bethea of Dillon was in town Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Lillian Leath of Mullins spent Sunday with the Misses Powell.

Mrs. Tom Hankins has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Mr. L. T. Ford is in the Florence Infirmary for a slight operation.

Mr. W. Ford visited his father at the Florence Infirmary last Thursday.

Mrs. Fannie Ford spent Friday in Lumberton shopping.

L. G. Miller made a business trip to Dillon Wednesday morning.

B. P. Parrish is erecting an up to date novelty mill.

Bobby Ford spent Sunday in Florence with his father who is in the infirmary for slight operation.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Parrish Friday night and left a boy.

Minturn.

Miss Minnie Usher spent Saturday in Dillon with friends.

Mr. John Hugh McCormac of the Marion School spent the week end with his parents.

Miss Verna McQueen visited Miss Gladys Covington in Clio Sunday.

The Improvement Association held its regular meeting Friday afternoon. A most interesting program in connection with the high school literary society was carried out. After this followed a short business meeting. Mrs. M. F. Edwards was elected a delegate to the Federation.

Mr. John Hamer, a former resident of this community, died at his home near Clio Friday night. The community extends its deepest sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

Mrs. Monroe Rogers and daughter, Beatrice, of Dillon spent Sunday with Mrs. Sam Usher.

Mrs. Stephens of Lumberton is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. D. McRae.

MORE LATTA NEWS.

L. E. Haselden of Sellers was here Monday.

J. V. Mitchell of Temperance was here Monday.

Mrs. Tracey E. Fore of Elberry was here Monday.

J. F. Williams of Mallory was here Monday.

J. L. Lane of Mallory was here Monday.

Mack Atkins of Elberry was here Monday.

Hon. B. B. Sellers of Sellers was here Monday.

S. T. Campbell of Ebenezer was here Monday.

J. D. Manning of Dillon was here Tuesday.

John Hargrove of Dillon was here Tuesday.

Miss Vivian McMillan, a student of Winthrop, is spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. McMillan.

H. B. Bethea of Dillon was here Tuesday.

D. G. Manship of Elberry was here Tuesday.

L. M. Lundy of Oak Grove was here Tuesday.

John Frank who travels out of Baltimore was here Tuesday.

W. K. Fore of Elberry was here Tuesday.

Will Duncan of Temperance was here Tuesday.

Cad McDonald of Floydale was here Tuesday.

C. P. Wells of Bennettsville was here Tuesday.

J. M. Bass of Sellers was here Tuesday.

Miss Sallie Bethea is visiting Miss Annacleda Fletcher of McCall.

Latta and Bennettsville ball teams played at Bennettsville on the afternoon of March 21st, Bennettsville winning the game by a score of 12 to 7.

J. O. Armstrong has for the past week been with Mrs. Armstrong at Honea Path. He writes a friend here that he is the happy father of a fine baby boy.

Rev. D. A. Phillips, presiding elder of the Marion District, held a quarterly conference at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 21st in the Methodist church here.

The Methodist church will hold special Easter services next Sunday morning.

The A. C. L. has had their big pile driver at work in the Big Cut for the past week, driving down piling on each side of the track. The soil in this cut is springy, and in case of big rains, the trains have to put on slow orders.

TRUE BILL AGAINST BIGHAM.

Judge Memminger Denies Motion for Change of Venue.

Florence, March 21.—Edmund D. Bigham will in all likelihood be called to trial Thursday morning on the charge of murdering his mother, Mrs. M. M. Bigham, his sister, Mrs. Margie A. Black, his brother, L. Smiley Bigham, and John and Leo McCracken, two adopted children of Mrs. Black. This afternoon the grand jury in the Florence County Court of General Sessions returned true bills against him in five separate counts, charging murder. Bigham was immediately arraigned and entered pleas of not guilty.

A. L. King, attorney for Bigham, then presented his motion for a change of venue which was refused by Judge Memminger. The attorney for the defense gave notice of a motion for a continuance and this will be heard tomorrow morning. It is the general expectation that the case will come to trial Thursday if continuance is refused, the defense insisting upon the usual days between arraignment and trial. The court room was packed when Bigham appeared this afternoon and every eye turned toward him when he stepped lightly into the dock. He was clean-shaven and looked younger and in better health than he appeared to be on the day following the murders at the plantation home near Pamplico. He displayed no emotion when the solicitor read the indictments to him and pronounced the words "not guilty" in a strong and steady voice.

During the arguments for and against a transfer of the case Bigham kept his eyes first on the solicitor and then on his attorney. Occasionally he turned his gaze toward the judge. He appeared to be totally unconscious of the presence of anybody else in the room except the attorneys and judge. In dismissing the request for a transfer of the case to some other county in this circuit Judge Memminger declared that he believed the defendant could secure just as fair and impartial a trial in Florence County as he could in any other county in the State.

"The court will see to it," he said, "that he is fully protected in his rights."

CIVIL COURT ROSTER.

Following are the cases docketed for the spring term court of common pleas which convened Monday:

County of Dillon vs G. G. Bruce, Wilcox & Wilcox and W. C. Moore; J. F. Lyon and Gibson & Muller.

Monday, March 21.

D. S. Clark vs G. D. Barlow, J. K. Owens and W. C. Moore; Townsend, Rogers & McLaurin.

R. H. Wiggins vs S. A. L. W. C. Moore; Gibson & Muller.

J. B. Gibson et al vs J. H. David, Joe P. Lane, N. B. Hargrove.

Edward Berry vs The Dillon Mills, Joe P. Lane and L. D. Lide; Gibson & Muller.

George B. Campbell vs L. F. Johnson et al; Gibson & Muller; Joe P. Lane, G. G. McLaurin.

Tuesday March 22nd.

A. P. Bethea, Admr. vs Dora Hamilton, J. R. Coggeshall and Joe P. Lane; Gibson & Muller.

J. A. McLeod vs E. E. Dixon et al; J. F. Pate; Gibson & Muller.

E. B. Berry vs R. A. Powers, G. G. McLaurin; L. B. Haselden.

Wednesday, March 23rd.

J. M. Rowell et al vs Erwin Coward, W. C. Moore; Gibson & Muller and L. D. Lide.

The Peoples Bank vs J. B. McCutcheon, W. C. Moore; Joe P. Lane.

Thursday, March 24th.

I. Plum Company vs S. A. L. W. C. Moore; Gibson & Muller.

T. C. Sherwood vs Charlie Saleeby, Gibson & Muller; Townsend, Rogers & McLaurin.

Friday, March 25th.

J. B. Colt Company vs S. W. SFTepens, Barron & McRay; Gibson & Muller.

Darlington Wholesale Company vs W. M. Ford, Gibson & Muller; W. C. Moore.